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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
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**DATE:** June 3, 2020

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2019-CCR-0116

**CROSS REFERENCE #:**

**TITLE:** EMAIL SPOOFING OF (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION DIVISION (ITAD), RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK (RTP)

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
UNKNOWN	RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK (RTP)	

**VIOLATION(S):** 18 U.S.C. § 1030

**ALLEGATIONS:** On September 10, 2019, this office received hotline complaint (2019-0374) from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), of an email spoofing incident. Specifically, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Information Technology Acquisition Division (ITAD), Research Triangle Park (RTP) had his EPA email address spoofed. The spoofed email address resulted in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) receiving fulfillment of computer orders and shipping information from various vendors.

**FINDINGS:** On various dates, the OI conducted interviews to determine what type of spoofed messages were received by government vendors and what was included as attachments to those messages. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) the OI was able to discover that the government vendors were receiving the messages and fraudulent procurement documents from foreign actors in Nigeria. Legal process was served on accounts associated with a Skype telephone number used by the foreign actors. (b) (7)(E) Although some of the vendors conduct business with the EPA, the EPA did not incur a direct loss as a result of the fraudulent action. As such this case is being closed with no further action

**DISPOSITION:** Based on the investigative findings, this case is being closed with no further action.

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